

CLAIMS:

1. A method for a plurality of players to play a bingo-type game using a matrix containing a plurality of selections, the matrix having rows and columns, the method comprising:

5 playing a round of the bingo-type game, playing the round including:

 selecting one from the plurality of selections;

 providing a query associated with the selected one from the plurality of selections;

10 receiving a response to the query from a responding one from the plurality of players;

 determining whether the response to the query is correct;

 if the response to the query is correct, assigning the selected one from the plurality of selections to the responding one from the plurality of players; and

15 if the selected one from the plurality of selections forms a complete row or column, determining that the responding one from the plurality of players wins the game; and

 if the responding one from the plurality of players does not win the game, playing additional rounds until one from the plurality of players wins the game.

20 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the matrix includes a central selection, and wherein the central selection is a universal selection.

 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the central selection is labeled FREE.

 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the matrix includes at least one diagonal, and wherein playing the round includes:

if the selected one from the plurality of selections forms a complete diagonal, determining that the responding one from the plurality of players wins the game.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein selecting one from the plurality of selections includes:

5 selecting a ball from a plurality of balls, each of the plurality of balls identifying one of the plurality of selections.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the selections are provided via turnable signs.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the turnable signs are cube shaped.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the query is provided by a host.

10 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the responding one from the plurality of players is a first one of the plurality of players responding.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the first one of the plurality of players responding is the first player to press a buzzer.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein playing a round of the bingo-type game
15 further includes:

if the response to the query is incorrect, receiving a response from a second one of the plurality of players;

determining whether the response of the second one of the plurality of players is correct;

20 if the response of the second one of the plurality of players is correct, assigning the selected one of the plurality of selections to the second one of the plurality of players; and

if the selected one of the plurality of selections forms a complete row or column, determining that the second one of the plurality of players wins the game.

12. The method of claim 5, further comprising:

returning the ball to the plurality of balls.

5 13. The method of claim 1, wherein playing a round of the bingo-type game further includes:

identifying a prize associated with the selected one from the plurality of selections; and

10 if the response to the query is correct, assigning the prize to the responding one from the plurality of players.

14. A method for a plurality of players to play a bingo-type game using a board having turnable tiles arranged in rows and columns, the method comprising:

playing a round of the bingo-type game, playing the round including:

randomly selecting one of the turnable tiles;

15 turning the selected tile to determine a prize associated with the turned tile;

asking a question associated with the turned tile;

receiving an answer to the question from a first responding player;

determining whether the answer is correct;

20 if the answer is correct, assigning the tile to the responding player; and

if the selected one from the plurality of selections forms a complete row or column, determining that the responding one from the plurality of players wins the game; and

if the responding one from the plurality of players does not win the game, playing additional rounds until one from the plurality of players wins the game.

15. A system for a plurality of players to play a bingo-type game using a matrix containing a plurality of selections, the matrix having rows and columns, the system

5 comprising:

means for playing a round of the bingo-type game, the means for playing the round including:

means for selecting one from the plurality of selections;

10 means for providing a query associated with the selected one from the plurality of selections;

means for receiving a response to the query from a responding one from the plurality of players;

means for determining whether the response to the query is correct;

15 if the response to the query is correct, means for assigning the selected one from the plurality of selections to the responding one from the plurality of players; and

if the selected one from the plurality of selections forms a complete row or column, means for determining that the responding one from the plurality of players wins the game; and

20 if the responding one from the plurality of players does not win the game, means for playing additional rounds until one from the plurality of players wins the game..

16. A device for at least one player to play a bingo-type game using a matrix containing a plurality of selections, the matrix having rows and columns, the device comprising:

a display for displaying game elements, including the representations of the matrix; and

a processor for receiving selections from the at least one player for play of the game, for determining progress of play, and for processing and displaying a graphical user interface;

wherein a round of the bingo-type game is played, play of the round including:

selecting one from the plurality of selections;

providing a query associated with the selected one from the plurality of selections;

receiving a response to the query from a responding one of the at least one player;

determining whether the response to the query is correct;

if the response to the query is correct, assigning the selected one from the plurality of selections to the responding one of the at least one player; and

if the selected one from the plurality of selections forms a complete row or column, determining that the responding one of the at least one player wins

the game; and

wherein, if the responding one of the at least one player does not win the game, additional rounds are played until one of the at least one player wins the game.

17. The device of Claim 16, wherein the device comprises a terminal.

18. The device of Claim 17, wherein the terminal comprises one selected from a group consisting of a personal computer, a minicomputer, a microcomputer, a main frame computer, and a slot machine.

19. The device of Claim 16, wherein the display is coupled to a display
5 processor, the display and display processor comprising a display terminal.

20. The device of Claim 19, wherein the display terminal is coupled to the processor via a network.

21. The device of Claim 20, wherein the network is the Internet.

22. A method for a player to play a bingo-type game using a matrix containing a
10 plurality of selections, the matrix having rows and columns, the method comprising:
playing a first round portion of the bingo-type game, playing the first round
portion including:

at least one random device producing a random result; and

if the produced random result is a preselected result, proceeding to a
15 second round portion of the bingo-type game;

if play proceeds to the second round portion of the bingo-type game, playing the second portion, playing the second round portion including:

selecting one from the plurality of selections of the matrix; and

if the selected one from the plurality of selections forms a complete row or
20 column, determining that the player wins the game.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein, if the produced random result is a preselected result, awarding the player a first round portion prize.

24. The method of claim 22, wherein, if the player wins the game, a bonus prize is awarded to the player.

25. The method of claim 22, wherein the preselected result includes a bingo selection on at least one reel slot.

5 26. A device for a plurality of players to play a bingo-type game using a matrix containing a plurality of selections, the matrix having rows and columns, the device comprising:

 a display for displaying game elements, including the representations of the matrix; and

10 a processor for receiving selections from the player for play of the game, for determining progress of play, and for processing and displaying a graphical user interface;

 wherein a first round portion of the bingo-type game is played, play of the first round portion including:

15 at least one random device producing a random result; and

 if the produced random result is a preselected result, proceeding to a second round portion of the bingo-type game;

 wherein, if play proceeds to the second round portion of the bingo-type game, the second portion is played, play of the second round portion including:

20 selecting one from the plurality of selections of the matrix; and

 wherein, if the selected one from the plurality of selections forms a complete row or column, the player is determined to win the game.

27. The device of claim 23, wherein the device is a slot machine.